

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

using credential information stored in a subscriber identity module (SIM) associated with a General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) adapter to authenticate access to a new wireless local area network (WLAN), wherein communications with the SIM and the WLAN are is carried out using extensible authentication protocol (EAP).
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

issuing one or more requests via a smart card interface to get the credential information.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

arbitrating the one or more requests to the SIM when the SIM is busy.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the one or more requests are received by the SIM via a SIM reader driver.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

receiving the credential information from the SIM after the one or more requests are processed by the SIM.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
establishing a WLAN connection with the WLAN via a WLAN adapter.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the WLAN connection is established while
there is a connection to a GPRS network via the GPRS adapter.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
issuing a location update to switch data services from the GPRS network to the
WLAN; and
disconnecting from the GPRS network.
9. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium including machine readable
instructions that, if executed by a computer system, cause the computer system to
perform a method comprising:
using credential information stored in a subscriber identity module (SIM) associated
with a General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) adapter to authenticate access to a
new wireless local area network (WLAN), wherein communications with the SIM
and the WLAN are is carried out using extensible authentication protocol (EAP).
10. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, further
comprising:
issuing one or more requests via a smart card interface to get the credential
information.

11. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 10, further comprising: arbitrating the one or more requests to the SIM when the SIM is busy.
12. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the one or more requests are received by the SIM via a SIM reader driver.
13. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 12, further comprising:
receiving the credential information from the SIM after the one or more requests are processed by the SIM.
14. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, further comprising:
establishing a WLAN connection with the WLAN via a WLAN adapter.
15. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the WLAN connection is established while there is a connection to a GPRS network via the GPRS adapter.
16. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, further comprising:
issuing a location update to switch data services from the GPRS network to the WLAN; and
disconnecting from the GPRS network.

17. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:
- a wireless local area network (WLAN) adapter;
 - a general packet radio service (GPRS) adapter coupled to the WLAN adapter and including a subscriber identity module (SIM); and
 - a mobility client to initiate requests for credential information from the SIM to authenticate access to a new WLAN when the mobility recognizes an access point, wherein said requests for the credential information are communicated to the SIM using extensible authentication protocol (EAP).
18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the requests for the credential information are communicated to the SIM via a smart card interface.
19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the requests for the credential information are received by the SIM via a SIM reader driver.
20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the GPRS adapter includes a SIM access module (SAM) to arbitrate the request for the credential information to the SIM.
21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the SAM arbitrates the requests for the credential information to the SIM while there is a GPRS connection to a GPRS network via the GPRS adapter.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the mobility client is further to issue a location update after the access to the WLAN is authenticated and a WLAN connection is established.
23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the mobility client is further to drop the GPRS connection.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the WLAN adapter and the GPRS adapter are installed on an open platform.
26. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the WLAN adapter and the GPRS adapter are combined into one module.
27. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:
means for initiating requests for credential information from a subscriber identity module (SIM) associated with a general packet radio service (GPRS) adapter;
means for authenticating access to a new wireless local area network (WLAN) using the credential information; and
means for switching data services from a GPRS connection to a WLAN connection after the access to the WLAN is authenticated.

28. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein said means for requesting the credential information from the SIM includes means for arbitrating requests to the SIM.
29. (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein said means for switching data services between the GPRS connection and the WLAN connection includes means for performing a location update.
30. (Original) The system of claim 27, further comprising:
means for interfacing with the SIM to send the request for the credential information.
31. (New) A method, comprising:
issuing one or more requests to a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) associated with a
General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) adapter using Extensible Authentication
Protocol (EAP);
arbitrating the one or more requests to the SIM when the SIM is busy;
receiving credential information stored in the SIM via a SIM reader driver;
utilizing the credential information to authenticate access to a new Wireless Local
Area Network (WLAN) using EAP;
establishing a WLAN connection with the WLAN via a WLAN adapter;
issuing a location update to switch data services from a GPRS connection to the
WLAN connection; and
disconnecting from the GPRS connection.

32. (New) A computer-readable medium including machine readable instructions that, if executed by a computer system, cause the computer system to perform a method comprising:

issuing one or more requests to a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) associated with a General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) adapter using Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP);

arbitrating the one or more requests to the SIM when the SIM is busy;

receiving credential information stored in the SIM via a SIM reader driver;

utilizing the credential information to authenticate access to a new Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) using EAP;

establishing a WLAN connection with the WLAN via a WLAN adapter;

issuing a location update to switch data services from a GPRS connection to the WLAN connection; and

disconnecting from the GPRS connection.